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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 8 April USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 8 April Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting. A Special Annex to these minutes is being circulated through special channels.

JAMES S. LAY, JR./
Executive Secretary

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#### UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Three-hundred-nineteenth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 8 April 1964

Director of Central Intelligence John A. McCone Presiding

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. R. J. Smith, acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
- Major General Alva R. Fitch, Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
- Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency
- Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB
- Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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# 1. Retirement of General Philip Strong

The Chairman opened the meeting by noting that, in view of General Strong's impending retirement, this would probably be his last attendance at USIB as Chairman of the Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC). Mr. McCone expressed appreciation not only for himself but also for USIB and others in the intelligence community for the great service which General Strong had rendered through the years. He assured General Strong that the Board regretted his leaving, would miss him, and hoped that he would come back from time to time to give the community the benefit of his long experience. The NSA member added that his appreciation of General Strong's service to the community went back to the time, during General Blake's tenure as Commander of the Air Force Security Service, when General Strong was head of a special interagency task force.

2. USIB-D-41.14/113 (CCPC-D-4/64), 9 March
(Limited distribution through restricted channels)

(An account of USIB discussion and action on this item is contained in USIB-D-41.14/124, 8 April 1964, limited distribution.)

3. USIB-D-63.7/11, 9 March (Limited distribution through special channels)

(USIB action on this item is reported in the Special Annex to the minutes, distributed through special channels.)

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Approval of Minutes 2 April Meeting (USIB-M-318, including Annex distributed through special channels; and records of action in USIB-D-41.14/33 (COMOR-D-48/65), and USIB-D-41.14/122 (COMOR-D-24/127), distributed through restricted channels)

Approved as circulated, including the referenced documents.

Watch Report No. 711

Approved as amended.

6. Special Item (Ref., USIB-D-41.14/122 (COMOR-D-24/127), 2 April)

(Board action on this item is set forth in USIB-D-41.14/123 (COMOR-D-24/128), 8 April 1964, limited distribution.)

- 7. Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Safeguard (d) (USIB-D-32.10/1, 6 March, Limited Distribution) a. USIB-D-32.10/2, 31 March
  - b. USIB-M-318, 2 April, item 10

Board discussion of this item and the JAEIC recommendations thereon centered on JAEIC and USIB responsibilities for the coordination of intelligence matters with respect to safeguarding the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and the imperative intelligence need to monitor all Soviet testing, both legal and, if they should occur, illegal tests.

Mr. Smith, the Acting Chairman of the Board of National Estimates, reported on JAEIC's desire to schedule its first semiannual

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report on the subject for July so that it would dovetail with the production of NIE 11-2-64 in July. He further indicated that he had consulted with the Chairman of JAEIC (ref. b.) and that an interim report on Soviet nuclear activities could be produced in May or June if required.

The State member raised the question of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) relationship to the subject problem and ACDA's overlapping statutory responsibilities in this field with the intelligence community. Mr. Hughes said that the Director of ACDA, Mr. William Foster, was interested in discussing this subject and that he would like to have USIB postpone action on the JAEIC report until such discussions could be held. The Chairman, as well as the AEC, NSA and DIA members, indicated great reluctance to delay USIB action. Mr. McCone suggested accepting the JAEIC recommendations with the understanding they might have to be amended later.

The Acting DIA member inquired about the penultimate sentence of paragraph 2.b. in the JAEIC report (reference a.) which states that the CCPC will handle intelligence collection problems which are beyond the competence of JAEIC. General Fitch thought such problems were to be handled by the and the National Interrigence Programs Evaluation (NIPE) Staff headed by Mr. Bross.

Mr. Bross expressed the view that CCPC seemed the best forum of USIB to handle such issues and explained that arrangements had been made to make CCPC responsible for formulating recommendations relating to the stationing of and other intelligence facilities 50X1 overseas. Political pressures will make it difficult to increase or even to maintain the existing number and size of intelligence installations in at least certain areas. State accordingly had asked that an effort be made to determine the relative priorities as between different facilities. This might involve a determination of relative priorities, for exampl 50X1 as between and NSA. Such a determination could only be made by USIB. Moreover it was not thought desirable to make such a determination in the abstract. On the other hand, it did seem wise to proceed with an inventory of facilities which would serve to form the

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necessary basis for recommendations in the event that it became impossible to accommodate all reasonable requirements of the intelligence community for facilities in a particular area. The CCPC appeared the most appropriate instrumentality of USIB to make such an inventory and any recommendations which are necessary.

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The Chairman stated that in this situation the CCPC would handle problems when they went beyond JAEIC's interests. In this and other cases, if difficult political problems concerning State should arise, Mr. Bross' Staff would come into the study of the problem. Ultimately in such cases, USIB would have to decide how to deal with the problem, including a judgement as to whether intelligence requirements were of sufficient importance relative to political difficulties to require going to the Secretary of State or higher authority.

There followed an extended discussion by a number of Board members on the last sentence of the JAEIC recommendations in paragraph 3 of reference a. The discussion centered on the extent to which JAEIC should go in making judgements as to whether or not specific Soviet activities constituted a violation of the Test Ban Treaty. Several amendments were proposed and rejected before it was decided to make no change in this sentence.

The Acting DIA member then brought up General Carroll's proposal at the 2 April USIB meeting (reference b.) that an agreed intelligence community report on Soviet activity during the Test Ban Treaty was needed in the near future.

After brief additional discussion the Board agreed:

- a. To approve as circulated the JAEIC comments and recommendations in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of USIB-D-32.10/2;
- b. That JAEIC should produce as soon as feasible an interim report on Soviet activities under the Test Ban Treaty (reference b.).

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8. Arab Reactions to Certain
US Aid to Israel
(SNIE 36-2-64, 3 April)

General Fitch opened the discussion by indicating his concern with the narrow terms of reference of the subject Special National Intelligence Estimate in which only one facet of the overall question was adequately treated and, as a result, the problem was not placed in proper perspective. He suggested considerably broader terms of reference.

Mr. Hughes stated that he had been concerned with the same problem, but that he had resolved his doubts upon determining that the policymakers would have additional papers available to them which would provide sufficient breadth to place the overall problem in perspective. The Chairman agreed that the terms of reference were narrow, but that this stemmed from a specific request by the State Department.

There followed a discussion participated in by a number of Board members on the general problem of defining terms of reference for this and other estimates.

The Board then agreed to defer action on SNIE 36-2-64 until the next meeting, pending the results of consultations by the Board of National Estimates, State, DIA and CIA.

- 9. Main Trends in the Arab World (NIE 36-64)
  - a. Approved as amended, including the Post Mortem.
  - b. No member raised objection to release of this estimate to USIA.

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Adjournment: 1245

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#### SECRETARY'S NOTES



As of 1 April 1964, all USIB members had concurred in the release of subject document, as recommended in the reference. The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency was advised of this Board action by the Executive Secretary.

2. USIB-S-29.19/48, 23 March (Limited distribution through special channels)

For information and record purposes, it is noted that no Board member has requested that the subject of referenced paper be placed on the agenda for a USIB meeting. Therefore, USIB action on this matter is completed, and the report will not be scheduled as an agenda item.

Release of NIE 43-64, "Prospects for the Government of the Republic of China," to Foreign Governments (USIB-D-17.8/101, 26 March)

On 3 April 1964, USIB approved the Board of National Estimates' recommendation in reference regarding release of NIE 43-64 to the Accordingly, copies of this estimate were released to those governments, subject to

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copies of this estimate were released to those governments, subject to the following deletions: (a) the Military Annex (including the Table on page 21) and the references thereto in the Table of Contents and in the footnote on page 6; (b) all of the maps.

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4. Memorandum on Brazil
(Reference, USIB-M-318,
2 April, Item 8)

Copies of the CIA memorandum on Brazil, dated 3 April 1964, have been circulated to Board members by the Acting CIA member of the USIB.

JAMES S. LAY, JR/ Executive Secretary